
Title: A Tale Told by a Bard

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The sun begins to rise
over the over rain-swept
horizon. A continuous
storm has ravaged the
region for days, damaging
crops, upsetting the
cattle, and the towns
people begin to return
to their rather mundane
lives and to their
insignificant daily routines.

Yet, throughout the
storm the meeting halls
of the small hamlet were
full of talk of a sinister
evil inhabiting the
countryside. An evil that
lay hidden within a dark
citadel. The talk was of
an ancient lich who once
stole away the children
of a mortal family and
sacrificed them to
protect a dark artifact
he hid away.

They were just
superstitious townsfolk
until they gathered
together with pitchforks,
crude spears, and hand
axes. Once and for all
these ignorant and
malfeasant children were
to destroy all with which
they attributed their
plagues.

The mob stormed through
their flatten fields.
Through the over grown
forests and finally jutting
out of the overgrowth of
the virile woods was a
small obsidian tower. They
hastily batted down the
doors charging in.

A noxious mix innards and
offal over took their
senses. The interior of
the small building was
alive. Intestines were
braided along the walls
while flayed flesh hung
down as draperies. Organs
pulsed with a cruel
vivacity- hearts, lungs,
livers- all poured their
vital fluids onto the
cobblestone floor.

The mob was petrified
and lost their impulsive
nature. They slowly began
to back out of the tower
with hushed gasps.

A crushed face of a
small child revealed itself
within the wall and spoke
in a singing manner.
"Behold the wrath of the
Ebon Skull. We children
are damned."

The face let out an
infantile giggle.

"Spare you own children.
Run away. Never again
speak of the Ebon Skull,
Azalin, nor a place far
worse than this...
Golgotha: Tower of the
Skulls..."

The mob dropped their
weapons where they stood
fleeing in panic. A hollow
laughter from the face
and the rush of the mob
overtook the usual serene
sounds of the forest...

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